

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants submit the instant Preliminary Amendment with the present Request for Continued Examination and note that independent claim 4 has been further amended concerning the implementation of certain elements by reciting that they are provided on separate substrates in a common digital signal processor. Support for this added limitation can be found in the drawings, for example, in Figure 8, elements 30 and 31' and in Figure 12, elements 30 and 31", among other places. See also the specification at page 8 and at page 25, in both cases toward the bottom of the pages.

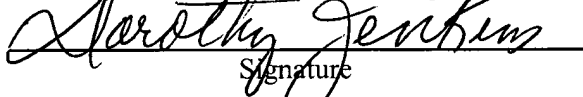
It is believed that the instant amendment distinguishes the claims over the prior art and accordingly the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the application and allow the claims presently pending.

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